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SUBJECT: LETTER OF APPRECIATION FROM AMBASSADOR TO HOUSE SPEAKER
O'NEILL ON MARKOVIC VISIT

1. AMBASSADOR WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT FORWARDING FOLLOWING
LETTER FROM THE AMBASSADOR TO HOUSE SPEAKER O'NEILL,
EXPRESSING HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE HOSPITALITY EXTENDED BY
SPEAKER O'NEILL AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS ON THE
OCCASION OF THE RECENT VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES OF YUGOSLAV
FEDERAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT MARKOVIC:

2. TEXT:
"THE HONORABLE
THOMAS P. O'NEILL, JR.
SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

DEAR MR. SPEAKER:

I KNOW YOU WOULD WISH TO LEARN OF THE VERY STRONG,
PERSONAL REACTION OF THE MOST SENIOR YUGOSLAVS,
INCLUDING PRESIDENT TITO HIMSELF, TO THE WARMTH AND
HOSPITALITY WITH WHICH YOU RECEIVED YUGOSLAV FEDERAL
ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT MARKOVIC. MARKOVIC COMMENTED
ENTHUSIASTICALLY TO THE PRESS ON HIS RETURN FROM THE
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VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES, AND SENIOR YUGOSLAV
OFFICIALS I HAVE SEEN SINCE HAVE INDICATED WHAT A
SUPERB IMPRESSION THE VISIT CREATED. AND MOST
IMPORTANT TO OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH YUGOSLAVIA,
PRESIDENT TITO HIMSELF SPOKE ENTHUSIASTICALLY OF
MARKOVIC'S EXPERIENCES IN THE U.S. WHEN GOVERNOR
HARRIMAN SPENT THE DAY WITH TITO AT HIS ISLAND

SUMMER HOME JULY 28.

THERE ARE VARIOUS WAYS TO STRENGTHEN THE
TIES BETWEEN THE U.S. AND YUGOSLAVIA, TWO COUNTRIES
WHICH HAVE SOME VERY FUNDAMENTAL OBJECTIVES IN
COMMON. YOUR HOSPITALITY -- AND THAT OF YOUR
COLLEAGUES IN THE CONGRESS -- HAS DONE A GREAT DEAL
TO CEMENT THE IMPROVED RELATIONSHIP THAT EXISTS
BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, AND HAS CREATED NEW
OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS.

PLEASE ACCEPT MY THANKS AND MY APPRECIATION.

SINCERELY,

LAWRENCE S. EAGLEBURGER
AMBASSADOR"
END TEXT.
EAGLEBURGER

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